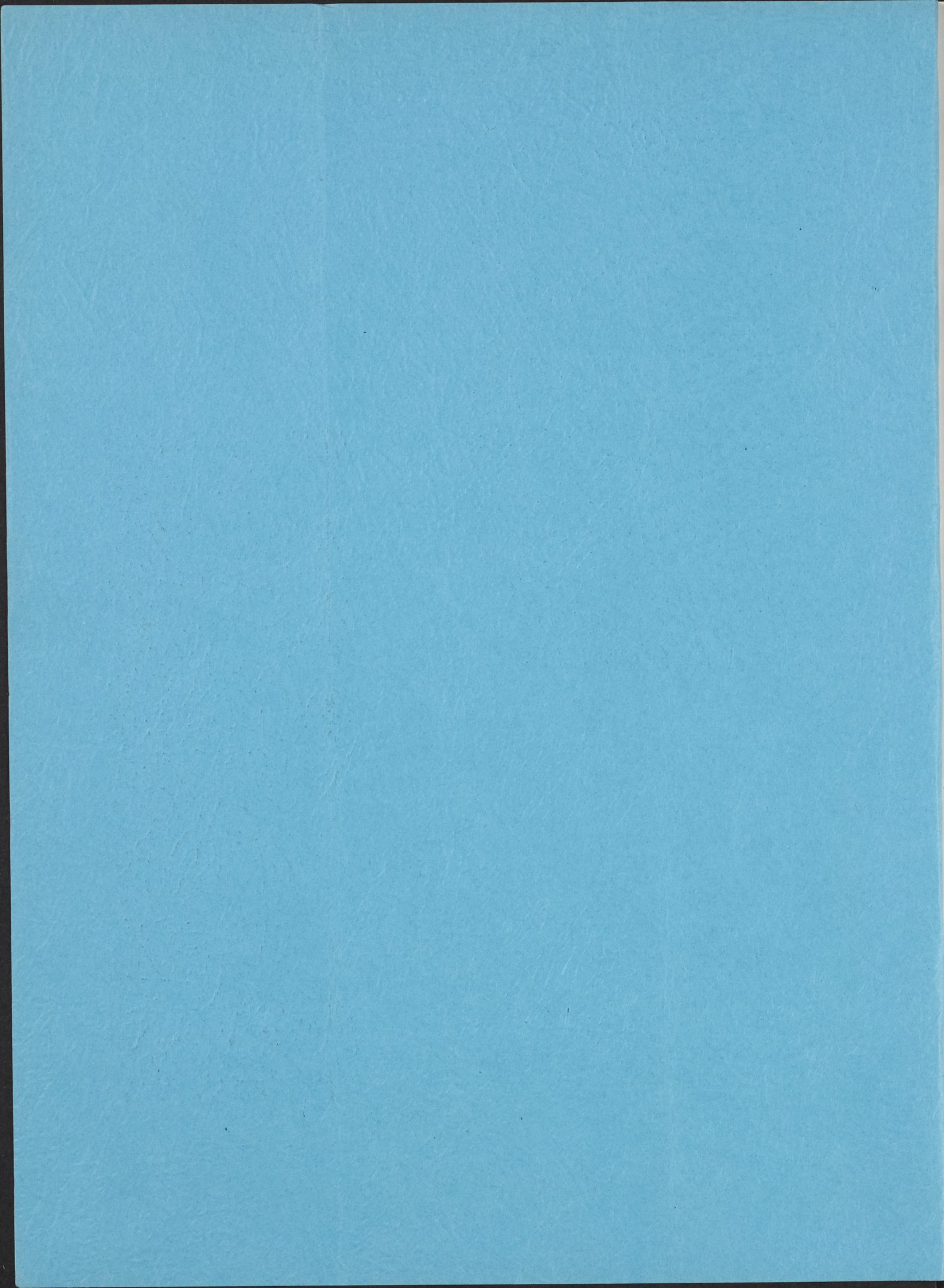


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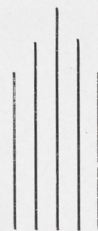




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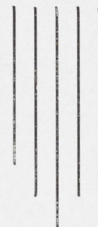
*To Christ, present in the
Blessed Sacrament of the Altar
and to
Mary, God's wonderful Mother,
we lovingly dedicate our
"Eucharistic and Marian Year"
Year Book -- 1956-1957*





CONVENT OF THE CHILD JESUS

North Battleford, Saskatchewan



TEACHING STAFF

Reverend Mother Anna Maria - - - - - Superior

Sister John Joseph - - - - - Principal

Sister John Adrian - - - - - Vice-Principal

Miss Elizabeth Doktor

Sister Beatrice

Sister Julianna - - - - - Music Teacher

Sister Rita

Sister Louis Gabriel



School Colors

Light blue; dark blue



School Flower

Carnation



School Motto

Non Palma Sine Labore



School Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



EDITORIAL

As the end of the '56-'57 school year draws to a close, another edition of our yearbook is to be published. In it we hope to mirror the highlights of the school's activities.

This year is the final one at C.O.C.J. for many of us; still, we have joy in the thought of happy days with our teachers and fellow classmates. We hope this yearbook will be a memento of the gladsome hours outshining the little trials that have been a part of the school year. While you, fellow graduates, are thumbing through these pages, may you recall all those little incidents which have meant so much to all of us.

To the students, teachers, and businessmen who have made this yearbook possible, we wish to extend our heartiest thanks. With everyone's co-operation my work as editor has been a joy.

To Sister John Joseph, who has organized the yearbook's publishing, we express our deepest gratitude. May the yearbook be an everlasting tribute to an outstanding year at C.O.C.J.

Frances Cubbon

C.O.C.J. STAFF -- 1956-57



Front row: Sister Rita, Mother Anna Maria, Sister John Adrian. Back row: Sister John Joseph, Sister Julianna, Miss Elizabeth Doktor, Sister Louis Gabriel, Sister Mary Beatrice.

Prayer to St. Thomas Aquinas

Angel of Schools, at the bidding of Peter
Thousands today are saluting thee thus.
We, too, are asking thy care and thy counsel,
Angel of Schools, be an angel to us.
Come to our aid when thou hearest us calling,
Light up the way; make the rough places plane.
Bring to our thoughts the unknown and forgotten,
Give us those words that we seek for in vain.

What Happened to

BREAKFAST?

Along with oxen, two wheeled carts, and dipping candles, the modern Canadian family seems to have lost another ancient art — "breakfast."

In our great grandfathers' days, breakfast was a gracious family affair. The time of the wholesome feast occurred a little after sunrise. At five A.M., grandmother was already downstairs rattling the stove lids and beginning to set the breakfast table. A moment later grandfather pushed awkwardly through the kitchen door, gathered up his hat and a teakettle filled with boiling water, and stepped briskly into the outdoors, proceeding to thaw the pump. Within an hour the entire family had assembled around the kitchen table which groaned under a load of smoked ham, scrambled eggs, hot cereal with thick cream, flap-jacks, fried potatoes, gingerbread, and several kinds of pie. This was breakfast!

Today breakfast is a hollow mockery, a period of confusion that occurs between the alarm clock's last peal and the opening of the stores. It is something that most people would like to avoid if they only knew how to go about it.

Promptly at 8:45 A.M., Father (who is due at his office at 9:00 A.M.) rushes down to the kitchen in his bare feet and starts the day right by burning his finger on the electric toaster. While he is nursing this obnoxious wound the coffee boils over on the stove. At 8:48, Father finds a life-like wax orange in the table centrepiece and attempts to run it through the squeezer.

At 8:52, there comes an alarming crash of china-ware and Mother, finally awakened by the harsh noise, glides out of bed, getting into her housecoat backwards.

At 8:52½, she appears in the kitchen, her sweet face a mask of cold cream. Her cheerful "good-morning" is personified by, "Here I'll do that, Stupid!"

A quick search through the refrigerator reveals a lone, brown banana. Shoving this nutrient into his hand, Mother hands Father his briefcase and hat, then pushes him out the door.

Interrupting this touching domestic scene, the younger children troop into the kitchen; that is, all except big sister who must be awakened gradually by setting off firecrackers at her bedside. By 9:12, Sister is on her way to school, munching a

handful of graham crackers and the cover of her algebra book. By 9:52 the broken china is swept up and the younger kiddies are locked in the backyard, feasting on a half-pound of gumdrops. At 10:01 Mother collapses into a chair placed by the television set. With a cup of instant coffee in her hand, she prepares to view the "Perry Como Show."

Well, can you tell me what happened to breakfast??

Darlene Sulatisky

To A Sewing Needle

Sewing needle — small it seemed to me —
You'll never hurt a fly.

But now I know that you can be
A curse on such as I.

I met you in the Home Ec. room,
So straight and sure and slim;
I liked you 'til you spelled my doom
And made my pleasure dim.

Through fingernails you found your way
And out the other side;

It's true, you wanted just to play,
But Oh, how you hurt my hide!

So out the window, little dear,
Until you finally see

To sew in clothing you are here,
And not to sew in me!

I beg you try to realize
I'm trying but to learn

The art of sewing hooks and eyes —
Don't make my fingers burn!

I'm swathed in band-aids, thanks to you,
So won't you take a bow.

You've learned a lesson; I learned one too,
We'll work together now.

Juliette Stroo



Rev. Father G. Lassonde. O.M.I.
Pastor, Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

North Battleford Roman Catholic Separate School Staff (Notre Dame)



Back row, left to right: Miss Bergot, Mrs. Doidge, Mrs. Leibaert, Miss Leona Mann, Miss Lenore Mann, Mrs. Beliveau.
Front row: Sr. Joseph Michael, Sr. Gertrude, Sr. Lawrence, Sr. Rose Marie (Principal), Sr. George.



Graduates



Rita Burgmaier - The air force will be for her fame;
We'd hate to be around when she flies her first plane.

Lloyd Hawtin - Authority on cars!
Will he run out of gas driving under the stars?

Doreen Nachtgaele - She speaketh not and yet there lies
A conversation in her eyes.

Betty Schmidt - Betty always answers the door;
Never complains though it's quite a chore.

Agnes Gnitecki - a girl who, you see, never quarrels;
She chatters and giggles like most girls.

Yvonne Baxter - A country lass she be;
Never worries for she studies, you see.

Ann Ingram - Ann is quiet: Ann is sweet,
Ann's personality can't be beat!

Marlie Wasson - sits in her desk all day
Dreaming of pranks she's going to play.

Nestor Fransoo - struggles through French
though to him it's all Greek.
Many's the time he'd like to fall asleep.

Betty Ann Keall - gay and merry
Will some day be the boss's secretary.

Helga Kuchler - a curling fiend and worker too;
Everyone knows that she'll get through.

Beatrice Johnson - we all declare,
Comes to school with the curliest hair.

Helen Bazuik is a girl so neat -
That includes her "dainty" feet.

Albert Manègre, when driving his car
Finds that a dollar doesn't go so far.

Frances Cubbon is witty, is wise.
Going to "varsity" is her enterprise.

Raymonde Dion from Prince Albert came;
Being a Lab Technician is her aim.

Joseph Forest - it happens every year;
Joe never studies till exams draw near.





Bernice Baxter early does come;
Her chatter with Philip is a merry hum.

Marie LaBelle—our bowling fan,
Slips her studies whenever she can.

Lucille Manègre—a great figure skater,
Is a studious pupil and ardent debater.

Darlene Sulatisky—Singing is her fame;
Being a nurse is her future aim.

Beverly Hood—has the gift of the gab;
She raises the roof up in the lab.

Garry Cooper—School President is he —
Loves talking continuously.

Ann Shirley Riddell loves to ballet dance;
Her school work gets only half a chance.

Philip Day lives out at the lake;
A good engineer he'll surely make.

Elizabeth Wouters was made for happy thoughts,
For playful wit and humorous plots.

Pauline Sadowsky—whose future is undecided yet,
Will surely recognition get.



Grade Eleven

"Algebra and Geometry are subjects to ignore",
Cries **Carmelle Gagné** with a loud roar.

Leo Brunett has part of grade twelve some of eleven
And a little bit of hockey makes high school heaven.

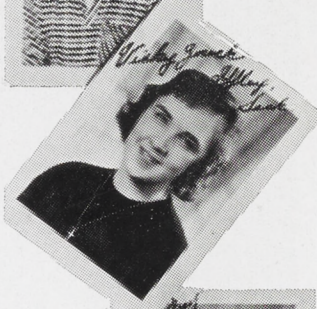
Our class scholar, **Myron Demyon** is.
In class studies he's simply a whizz.

Mary Veit has wisdom and brains.
Throughout life she'll reap the gain.

Raymond Biller, our banjo player,
With his sweet music makes the room feel gayer.

In Psychology **Juliette Stroo**
Always manages to find a clue.





All the girls are driven to confusion;
Explains **Irene Sankey** "Its an optical illusion!"

Raymond Shaw, a lawyer could be;
He argues in class quite frequently.

Denis Reinbold, who works in the butcher shop,
Is good in chemistry but, in French, a flop.

Lots of laughs and jokes **June Kokesch** enjoys;
In sewing, initiative she employs.

Working in her desk, so quiet, so gay,
It's **Marylin Perkins'** usual way.

Teeny Nimalovitch has neat handwriting,
And to her, horse-back riding is very exciting.

Sitting in his desk after everyone is gone,
Doing his homework is **John Omilon**.

Leo Lauzon is too full of fun,
For in school, his homework's never done.

Vicki Znack tries to keep the rule,
She knows that's the way to go through school.

Glenda Binsky thought school she'd quit,
But now she's back to finish it.

Carole Gregson is tall and slim,
And when she's not sleeping she's sharp as a pin.

Theresa Frey who's laughing and jolly,
Thinks homework that's done is quite a folly.

Sylvia Surmach, a nice little gal,
Is one whom all seek as a pal.

Margaret Walker so petite and gay,
Is so energetic in work and play.

Doril Nolin, who has dark curly hair,
Keeps the Library with meticulous care.

Marguerite Boutin loves to sew,
But in Chemistry she cries, "Oh woe."

Doreen Wakelin from the Collegiate came,
We know she'll do her best on that long road to fame.

Sheilagh McGrath has nursing in mind?!

And we know fame for her won't be too hard to find.

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Grade Ten

Ernie Sankey is our class band;
He thinks it's the best one in the land.

Alan Nachtegaele a tall blond lad,
Sports a Chrysler owned by his dad.

Bernice Roman wants to make the day brighter
By having her home work made much lighter.

Barbara Heno, quiet and neat,
Has a personality that can't be beat.

Joe Vorachek at lessons is not steady;
But if it's for helping he's always ready.

Audrey Graff says it's do or die;
We do have school, but why, oh why???

Anne Marie Fransoo always lends a helping hand.
And as class Rep. is really grand.

Tommy Davidson sits in the back seat;
When you go by, watch out for his feet.

Joyce Favelle, with hair so dark,
In July will be as happy as a lark.

Fair and blonde, that's **Barbara Trapp**;
Hoping some day to wear a graduation cap.

Florence La Pointe, with her homework undone,
Is anxious for the four o'clock bell to be rung.

Donna Dearden will never shirk
Study, play, or her work.

Joyce Bidyk, filled with determination,
Won't worry too much about examinations.

Fern Atkinson, laughing and talking all day long,
Hates to hear the bell go, "Ding, Dong."

Sheila Baart, always gay,
Spreading joy along her way.

Jerry McGrath, at the ceiling does stare,
We wish we too could find the answers up there.

Ray Dexter, a tall lad with little ambition,
Sometimes talks and forgets to listen.

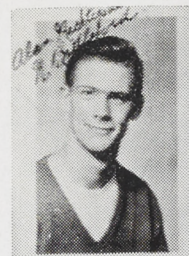
Poppin' questions is **Louis Sansregret's** delight;
Trying to learn what isn't right.

Gertrude Nolin true French is she;
When quizzed she always say "Oui, Oui."

"Good friends, good grades, good times, these three,"
Says **Barbara Bretzer**, "are enough for me."

Denise Nachtegaele is small and clever,
She fail? No, never!

Edith Dion, in French her speech flows fast and free,
In phrases of fairest courtesy.





Betty Mathias dark, kind, and sweet,
Always a smile for those she meets.

Marjorie Richmond enjoys every spare;
But her French she gives up in despair.

David Nyholt to school, each morning, comes
In his red and white car . . . if it runs.

Whenever there's whispering you're sure to find
Trudy (Lunghammer).

And the usual cause is Gemma and Judy.

As a cure for the blues **Melvin Rising** loves jest,
But the teachers wonder, "will he pass the test?"

Stanley Pietras, the scientist of our class,
Really doesn't know a test tube from a glass.

Meril Hoffmann, sits at her desk,
Working laboriously; always doing her best.

Sharon Jones, who's lively, who's gay, who's swell to
the core,
When you know her a little, you'll want to know
her more.

Whenever there's need of a kind heart,
Agnes Kuttai will do her part.

And still they gazed and still the wonder grew,
How one small head could carry all **Leona Bujnowski**
knew.

Sharon Holt, a friend so true,
Has always a smile to greet me and you.
If merry laughter reaches your ear,
You may be sure **Irene Bossaer** is near.

Albert Macht's questions make teachers suspicious,
They're to kill time; not to prove he's ambitious.
A smile or a laugh with seldom a frown,
That's **Janet Lessard** with hair dark brown.

Yvonne Dion, a tall French lass,
Does her best in every class.

Vida Bulbeck, a friendly smiling Miss,
Makes school life full of bliss!

Gemma Gagné an ever-willing worker, happy all the
while,
Volunteering always with a cheerful smile.

Judy Sanders may be small; she may be thin,
She's just the girl for the class she's in.

Louis Cramatte, a dark haired lad,
Broke one of the two arms he had.



Grade Nine



Phyllis Murray seems ever ready
To substitute play for her study.

Madeline Faltermeier, in her work and in her play,
Never seems to go astray.

Vivian Gabruch - Charming witty, friendly is she,
Decided in our class to be.

Claude Nolin is big and strong;
His legs are about six feet long.

Geraldine Kuffner has a mischievous look;
She finds talking better than a book.

Teresa Blanchette, "Terry" as she is more commonly
known,

In our local band great talent has shown.

Florence Boutin is a studious girl;
She is always the leader of our French whirl.

Denise Lafrèniere is fun in every way.
Having always something nice to say.

George Roberge from the college does come,
And with him brings fun for everyone.

Lillian Kyzyk is a shy lass,
Still she does her share of whispering in class.

Lenore LaGrecca is quiet too,
From her we never hear "boo."

Rose Chilibecki is the artist sure,
Herself having a glamorous lure.

Zennia Bilous, dancing lessons does take,
Some day a famous dancer she will make.

Joan Feist, a small cute lass;
If she tries hard, she's sure to pass.

Patsy Holden, is short and fair;
When it comes to playing she is always there.

Joan Grégoire, who is shy,
At June exams she will pass us by.

Leo Nachtegaele is shy and full of fun,
Brings loads of joy to everyone.

Elaine Peterson is tall and dark,
In French she'll always get a good mark.

Darlene LaFreniere from Meota did come,
And here she has won more friends than, "some."

Mary Holden comes home from school,
To study as is her rule.





Grace Gabruch is swell as can be,
Just look at her picture and this you'd see.

Jerry Stroo in ping-pong is very good;
But in school doesn't do the work he should.

Bobby Paul is the kind of lad,
To make you laugh when you are mad.

Virginia Kramm is so quiet,
You'd never hear her if you sat by her.

When **Diane Harbus** and **Emily Iwanchuk** do their
Ukrainian dance,

We are all sent into a mystic trance.

Maxine Swift who is slim and tall,
With those eyes kills them all.

Shirley Krokosh is attentive every day;
Still always eager to have her say.

Martha Bachynski is a studious lass,
Who, we are sure, is going to pass.

Wayne Bluett, in school is so quiet;
But out of school he is quite a riot.

Susan Pool sits in front of **Rose (Chilibeki)**
So back and forth the jabber goes.

Jerry Dexter, ping-pong plays
And leaves his work for other days.

Vivian Lavigne always full of fun,
But not when she hasn't got her homework done.

Patsy Keogh is our favorite class rep.
She's sure to be in class with lots of pep.

Beverley Paul a friendly girl is she,
And when it comes to school, she's as smart as can be.

Sheila Mandin is neat and small,
With a big smile ready for all.

Karen Spencer wears a pony tail each day,
And waves it to greet you, as you go your way.

Bev Degenstein from the collegiate did come,
And now she's doing more than she's ever done.

Gordon King is a little guy,
Who sits by the window and watches the cars go by.

George Haegebaert, is one who always has his home-
work done.

Still always has time to have fun.

Ray Brunett in his red leather jacket,
Sits at the back and makes quite a racket.

Juliette Manègre - Oh! What do you say
About a girl who's first in every way?



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IN REVIEW

Dr. Joyce Graham, wife of Dr. Iver Small, 1940 graduate of C.O.C.J., recently won the Manitoba Medical Association gold medal for highest standing in the first four years of medical studies, the gold medal and Crown prize in surgery, and the 1956 gold medal for highest standing in the final year of medicine at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Graham graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with great distinction, and has won scholarships every year since.

Dr. Graham and her doctor husband plan to study psychiatry in Michigan — another five years of work.

May 12, 1956

A double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Lassonde in Notre Dame de Lourdes Church on Saturday, May 12, when Olga Mary Nykiforuk, (1952), daughter of the late P. Nykiforuk and Mrs. Nykiforuk of North Battleford, and Gilles Charles Verret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Verret of Battleford, were united in marriage.

Candles, daffodils and ferns formed an effective setting for the service, and wedding music was played by Mrs. R. M. Mollan with Miss Emily Konopelsky as soloist.

June 9, 1956

Bouquets of spring flowers and lighted tapers formed a colorful background in Notre Dame de Lourdes Church, North Battleford, on June 9, when Dolores Pauline, (1950), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Manegre, 1202 - 110th Street, became the bride of John James Hagerty, son of Mrs. M. J. Hagerty of Denholm and the late Mr. M. Hagerty. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Menard. Mrs. R. Mollan, organist, with Miss Emily Konopelsky as soloist provided the wedding music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a floor-length lace and nylon net gown designed with fitted bodice having lily-point sleeves and Peter Pan collar. The full lace skirt fell in points over a wide flounce of nylon net and was caught with cascades of net trimmed with pearls. A heart shaped headdress of lace edged with pleated tulle held her finger-tip veil and she carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Barbara Adamowski as bridesmaid wore a floor length gown of yellow net and bandeau of yellow flowers in her hair. She carried coral tipped yellow carnations.

Eva Bourgeault was flower girl wearing a full length gown of green net and bandeau of green flowers. Her bouquet was of spring flowers tied with a multi-colored ribbon.

The groom was attended by Robert Hagerty of Denholm and the ushers were Tom Hagerty and Albert Manegre of North Battleford.

July 12, 1956

A double ring ceremony was solemnized in All Saints Ukrainian Catholic Church at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, July 12. The bride was Naden Katheleen, (1953), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bochar of Paynton. The groom was Slavie Hewko, only son of Louis Hewko of Cactus Lake and the late Mrs. Hewko. The Rev. Father Bachynsky gave the nuptial blessing.

The bridal gown of white nylon net over satin featured a front lace panel fitted bodice and lace bolero. Her fingertip veil was held by an iridescent sequin trimmed tiara. Red roses and lily of the valley formed her cascade bouquet.

July 21, 1956

Notre Dame de Lourdes Church was the scene of a pretty morning wedding, Saturday, July 21, when Iris Marie, (1953), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wert Reid, North Battleford, became the bride of Walter Paul Loik, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Loik of Denholm, Sask.

Rev. Father Lassonde performed the double-ring ceremony and Mrs. Monica Mollan with Miss Linda Shepherd, soloist, supplied the wedding music. Mixed bouquets of sweetpeas, snap dragons and larkspur decorated the church for the occasion.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and chose for her wedding an ankle-length gown of white brocaded nylon. Her finger-tip veil was held by a caplet headdress and ornamented with seed pearls and rhinestones. She wore a necklace of carved sterling silver and crystal and carried red roses and lily of the valley.

August 23, 1956

Notre Dame de Lourdes Church was the scene of an impressive service on Thursday, August 23, when Beverley Jean, (1955), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Riddell of North Battleford, became the bride of John William Ford, son of Mrs. T.P. Ford of Oakland, California, and the late Mr. Ford.

Rev. Father G. Lassonde performed the ceremony before an altar decorated with a profusion of summer flowers and lighted tapers. Ricky Riddell assisted as acolyte.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was radiant in a cocktail length gown of ivory brocade taffeta nylon sheer embroidered with sequins, rhinestones and seed pearls. Her jewelled finger-tip veil was held in place by a small pill-box hat of brocade taffeta, and she carried a white prayer book ornamented with a white orchid, lily of the valley and satin streamers.

Miss Ann-Shirley Riddell as maid of honor, wore a copper colored silk shantung dress with matching halo hat trimmed with yellow satin ribbon and daisies, while Miss Joan McIntyre as bridesmaid chose an identical model in apple-green silk with contrasting pale green satin ribbon and lemon-yellow flowers. Each attendant carried a tiny silk muff decorated with sprays of flowers.

September 4, 1956

School reopened at the Convent. The students gathered in the Auditorium to hear the regulations read to them. Afterwards they were introduced to the new teaching staff —

Mother Anna Maria — Grade IX

Sister Mary Beatrice — Grade X

Miss Doktor — Grade XI

Sister John Adrian — Grade XII

Sister Louis Gabriel — French teacher for Convent and Separate School.

A total of one hundred and forty-five pupils are enrolled at the Convent this year.

Darlene Sulatisky

September 6, 1956

The students of the Convent and the grades seven and eight classes from Separate School gathered to welcome Mother Anna Maria. A short program was staged. It consisted of a Scotch dance by Miss Mann's class; two songs by Mrs. Liebaert's grade twos, two selections by our school orchestra, and a welcome song by Ann Shirley Riddell. Bernadette Nolin, from Separate School, presented Mother with a travel clock. Mother thanked all for the gift and expressed her desire that her presence would be long and filled with many happy memories.

Beatrice Johnson

September 7, 1956

A program was held to honor Sister John Adrian on her Feast Day. Ann Shirley Riddell opened the program by singing a Feast Day song. "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was sung by the grade ones, while little Miss Marcotte sang a French solo. The Convent orchestra played, ending the program with a few lively selections. The presentation was made by Trudy Lunghammer.

Bernice Baxter

September 12, 1956

The students of C.O.C.J. held their annual Get-Together. Due to weather conditions, the original outdoor weiner roast party was cancelled and the Capitol Theatre was selected as the center of entertainment. The show, "The Catered Affair", (a comedy) was enjoyed by all. After the show everyone rallied to the girls' playroom where a delicious lunch was served. Corn on the cob was a special treat, thanks to Mrs. Mohat. The party was convened by Grade XI.

Rose Marie Van Cleemput

Sept. 14, 1956 — "Oberammergau and the Passion Play"

The students of the Convent were honored by the invitation to see the Passion Play, Sept. 14, a.m. The play was sponsored by the North Battleford Canadian Legion, as an effort to raise funds for "Veteran Welfare". The play was filmed in this country in English dialogue. It has a musical background of sixty-five piece symphony orchestra and a chorus of one hundred voices. The students saw the presentation of the story of our Saviour from manhood to the Ascension. They followed Him through His period of teaching: His time of healing the sick, the lame, and the blind and of comforting the oppressed: even to the Last Supper. Then followed the ordeals which lead to Calvary: the sorrowful burial, the resurrection and the Ascension. After the play, the students knew indeed that they had seen a picture of rare and picturesque loveliness: of deep religious education and of impressive other-than — earthly beauty.

Doreen Nachtegale

September 19, 1956

Students interested in bowling organized for the '56 — '57 season. Lucille Manègre was elected president of the bowling league. Five teams were organized with Ann Shirley Riddell, Marie Labelle, Rose Marie Van Cleemput, Betty Schmidt and Ernie Sankey as captains.

Good luck to all in their new season!

Marie Labelle

September 20, 1956

The pupils of Separate School and the Convent gathered in the parish hall to welcome Mother Dorothy. Dénise Nachtegale spoke a few words of welcome and Ann Shirley Riddell sang a welcome song. Several interesting items followed with pupils from both schools taking part. A grade one pupil from Separate School made the presentation. Mother then thanked everyone for the program and expressed her appreciation by giving both schools the rest of the afternoon off.

Thérèse Blanchette.

September 23, 1956

The student body assembled to say farewell to Sister John Joseph, who was to attend the University of Saskatchewan. The program opened with a "Farewell Song" sung by a girls' chorus from the Con-

vent. An entertaining program, presented by members of C.O.C.J. and Separate School, followed. Darlene Sulatisky voiced our best wishes for Sister's success in her new surrounding. She also made the presentation. Sister John Joseph thanked us and reminded us that her thoughts would never be far from the Convent.

October 1, 1956

October the 1st was the opening of the closed retreat held here at the Convent. The grade XI and XII girls were all represented. Father Fitzgerald from Winnipeg was our retreat master. He proved to be an interesting and enlightening speaker and an excellent adviser to our problems. The retreat ended with a Communion breakfast on Friday morning. Father was thanked and presented with a small token of appreciation.

Helen Bazuik

October 5, 1956

Third Avenue United Church was the scene of a pretty autumn wedding on Thursday, October 5, when Rev. Allan M. Logie officiated at the double ring ceremony of Joan Elizabeth, (1955), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roy McIntyre, North Battleford, and George Reno Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter George Garrett of Moose Jaw. The church was prettily decorated with bouquets of pink and white carnations. Mrs. D.S. Walker, organist, with Miss Dorothy Vickery as soloist, supplied the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a wedding gown of white satin with net and lace jacket. A small pearl trimmed cap held her illusion lace edged veil and she carried a horse-shoe cascade of rust and white 'mums. She was preceded down the aisle by her cousins, little Miss Judy Creswell as flower girl, wearing a blue nylon dress and carrying a basket of white daisies, and Kenny Hollands as ring-bearer.

Miss Rosemary Steil was maid of honor, and Misses Lorraine Thibodeau and Jean Hobbs, bridesmaids, wearing identically styled gowns of crystalette in shades of yellow, aqua and pink. They wore white feather headdresses and carried baskets of white daisies.

October 20, 1956

In the early morning of Saturday October 20, pupils from N.B.C.I., St. Thomas College, and C.O.C.J. set off for an educational trip to the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon. On our arrival lunch was served us; the highlights of the campus were explained; the teachers were introduced, and then followed a tour of the campus. The College of Home Economics proved of special interest to the girls while the Chemistry Building, with its huge tiered classroom, awed us all. Other places of interest were the Grey-stone Theatre, the new Library, St. Thomas More College, the President's residence and the Agriculture building. We all ate dinner in the huge new university cafeteria. After dinner we toured the hospital

and any other buildings we wished to see. Lunch was again served at 3:30. This experience made university life more real and appealing. Many of us were helped in fixing our minds on a university career. We wish to thank all those who sponsored this endeavor and all who so kindly provided transportation.

October 20, 1956 — Battleford Catholic Youth Rally

During the week of October 14-20 Representatives were chosen from grades nine, ten and eleven to represent their class at Battleford at a Catholic Youth Rally. Representatives were:

Grade IX - Therese Blanchette and Madeline Faltermeyer.

Grade X - Anna Marie Fransoo, Gertrude Lunghammer, Gemma Gagne.

Grade XI - Sheilagh McGrath, Rose Marie Van Cleemput, Juliette Stroo, Carmelle Gagne.

Reverend Mother Anna Maria and Reverend Sister Mary Beatrice accompanied the representatives.

On arrival at St. Vital's School we were welcomed by the Sisters of the Assumption of Battleford and Delmas.

After registering at the desk the girls entered one of the classrooms where the other representatives from Vawn, Delmas and Battleford were seated.

Father Tetreault, pastor of Battleford, spoke a few words, then he turned the meeting over to Miss Valcourt. The recitation of the rosary and a hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary followed. We were then divided into study groups. Each group picked a president and a secretary. After discussion the groups re-assembled and a member of each group presented a report. Topics under discussion were "He and we", "He in Eucharist and we" and "Christ in the tabernacle calls me".

In closing Miss Valcourt gave us pointers on how to become leaders in our schools and on how to carry on our meetings. The meeting was then adjourned with the saying of a prayer.

October 21, 1956

Bouquets of red roses decorated the altar of the Greek Catholic Church, Hafford, on Sunday, October 21, for the candlelight ceremony when Miss Zinnia Katherine Choma and Myron Richard Bohun were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Choma of Whitkow, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fedzun of Hafford.

October 24 and 25, 1956 — Convent Bazaar

The annual Convent Bazaar, including Bingo, Lunch and Home-cooking, was held on Wednesday, October 24, in the Auditorium. Grade IX had charge of lunch; Grade X - home-cooking; Grade XI - bingo; Grade XII - fish pond.

In the afternoon of the 25th we held a fish pond, bingo and sale of stuffed animals for Separate School children. Co-operation of teachers and pupils was splendid and through everyone's efforts the event was a wonderful success. Many thanks!

November 2, 1956

Ten students from the Convent, accompanied by Sister John Adrian and Sister Rose Marie, journeyed to Prince Albert to attend a leadership convention.

Saturday's meeting took the form of a closed retreat with Bishop Leo Blais as retreat master. Sunday, under the direction of Miss Valcourt, we were arranged in discussion groups.

Sunday evening we started home travelling by way of Saskatoon. This half-way stop-off, where we visited the Sisters in Saskatoon, was the crowning point of the pleasure we experienced that week-end. Our early morning bus brought us into North Battleford Monday just before the sun came up — all very tired but extremely grateful for the opportunity given us.

The representatives would like to thank the Literary Society for sponsoring this trip.

CURLING

The C.O.C.J. curling season opened in November of 1956 with six rinks in the league. These rinks were skipped by John Omilon, Jerry McGrath, David Nyholt, Stanley Pietras, Tom Davidson and Lloyd Hawtin. The schedule consisted of twenty games for each with 4 games played against each of the other teams. The final standings were:

Lloyd Hawtin	- - - -	29 points
Jerry McGrath	- - - -	28 points
John Omilon	- - - -	22 points
David Nyholt	- - - -	15 points
Stanley Pietras	- - - -	15 points
Tom Davidson	- - - -	11 points

Points were compiled with 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.

The first place team, which was declared the 1956-1957 C.O.C.J. curling champs, consisted of:

Lloyd Hawtin	- Skip
Alan Nachtegale	- Third
Frances Cubbon	- Second
Yvonne Baxter	- Lead

December 17, 1956 — Raffle

Tickets were drawn for the raffle which had been sponsored by the Convent Literary Society.

- 1st Prize - Hand Made Rug
— Eva Combres, Richard.
- 2nd Prize - Electric Automatic Toaster
— Mrs. J. Lowes, North Battleford.
- 3rd Prize - Panda Bear
— Mrs. Joe Znack, Iffley.

December 16 and 17, 1956 — Separate School Concert

Pupils from the Convent attended the Separate School Christmas Concert Monday evening Dec. 16. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We took home with us a tiny bit of the Christmas spirit which was to serve as a buoyant force during the hours of intensive study we had to plunge into in preparation for our Christmas examinations. We wish to thank and congratulate the Sisters, teachers, and pupils of our Separate School.

December 20, 1956 — Christmas Party

The afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 20, found the auditorium beautifully decorated in colors of red, green, white and silver. It was the annual C.O.C.J. Christmas Party. The room was filled with tables laden with appetizing food. Rev. Father Lassonde, the Sisters of C.O.C.J., Miss Doktor, Separate School teachers, top Catechism students from Separate School, and August Buziak attended. A short, but amusing program followed the opening of gifts. Father Lassonde addressed a few words to all assembled.

Grade IX had charge of the entertainment, Grade X of the lunch, while Grade XII looked after the White Christmas parcels and Grade XI had the program. Surely this party was reward enough for writing exams for a week.

January 14, 1957 — Mother Anna Maria's Feast Day

On January 14, students from the Convent and Separate Schools gathered in the auditorium to wish Mother a happy Feast Day. A short program was followed by an address from Patsy Keogh, of Grade IX.

On this occasion a small tangible gift was presented to Mother as a token of our appreciation. January 15 found us in attendance at the early morning Mass which was being offered for Mother's intentions.

We felt that this was the best gift we could offer.

January 17, 1957

The Literary Society's guest speaker was Superintendent Broley, who gave a talk on "Careers". Mr. Broley was introduced by Garry Cooper, president of the Literary Society. In his address, Mr. Broley stressed the need of higher education.

We thank Mr. Broley for providing this educational and inspirational feature to our meeting. With the enlightenment we have gained, we will be able to make a more intelligent choice of our work in life.

January 22, 1957 — War and Peace

On January 22 the pupils of the Convent were invited by Mr. Marshall to attend Tolstoy's "War and Peace" at the Capitol Theatre. The show, enjoyed by all, proved to be highly educational.

Our thanks to Mr. Marshall and his staff!

January 29, 1957 — Open Retreat

The students of C.O.C.J. began their annual open retreat on Wednesday evening, January 29. The retreat master, Father McMahon of St. Albert, Alta., outlined the two-day program that was to go into effect.

We began our day by attending Mass at 8:00 A.M. in the Convent chapel.

The first sermon of the day was at 9:30 A.M. This sermon over, we had a few minutes to read and make ready for another sermon at 11:00 A.M. We enjoyed recreation from 12:45 to 1:30 when Father gave us our third interesting talk. After the 1:30

sermon Father McMahon and Father Lassonde heard confessions. We returned at 7:45 P.M. for our fourth sermon and benediction.

The second day went much the same as the first with the exception of the afternoon. During the afternoon Father McMahon answered questions from our question box. After Mass and Benediction Saturday morning, we went down to the girls' recreation room where tables laden with delicious breakfast were set for us.

Father McMahon said Grace and we sat down to our feast. On behalf of all present, Nestor Fransoo thanked Father for the interesting, inspirational and beneficial retreat. So ended another successful and thoroughly interesting function of the year.

FATHER HERMANN'S SPEECH

Following the Literary Society meeting on Feb. 22 Father Hermann, guest speaker, spoke to the Convent students on "Reading". He explained the influence our reading material has on our minds and our actions. Through illustrations, he demonstrated how dangerous a poor selection of reading material could be. His speech proved to be interesting and informative.

BINGO PARTY

On Monday evening, March 4, a number of people gathered in the Convent auditorium for an evening of Bingo. There were several lovely prizes including a grocery hamper, a wool blanket, and Panda bear. The total amount realized was \$123.00 and proceeds went to the Convent Literary Society.

We wish to thank the people who so kindly donated prizes and all those who attended and helped make the bingo a success.

April 9, 1956

At 11:30 all students gathered in the auditorium to hear Miss Well, a representative of the Campbell Soup Company. She demonstrated the various ways in which soup can be used in a menu. She was thanked by Helga Kuchler.

Boys' Table Tennis

Singles: There were eighteen boys for the '56-57 school year championship. Things got rolling on March 27. The '56-57 champion was Lloyd Hawtin who was runner up last year. In second place was Nestor Fransoo who was champion last year.

Doubles: Boys' doubles got under way on March 18 with eight competing for the '56-57 doubles championship. The final and deciding games were played on April 19, between the "Nestor Fransoo — Lloyd Hawtin" team and the "Jerry McGrath — Tom Davidson" team. Nestor Fransoo and Lloyd Hawtin, last year's doubles champions, took the championship again this year in three games to one.

Girls' Table Tennis

Singles: The girls' singles tournament took place in March. The finalists were Karen Spencer, Darlene

Sulatsky, Doreen Nachtegale, Lorraine Gregoire and Frances Cubbon. Doreen defeated Darlene and Lorraine defeated Karen while Frances got the bye. In the finals Frances defeated Doreen and then Lorraine to become the new champion of 1957.

Doubles: The girls' doubles tournament began with ten teams competing. The three finalists were Doreen and Lorraine, Yvonne and Bernice, and Vida Bulbeck and Marguerite. The final game featured Doreen and Lorraine vs. Yvonne and Bernice Baxter. The deciding game was won by Doreen and Lorraine.

MOTHER DOROTHY

Following the Literary Society meeting of March 15, Reverend Mother Dorothy from North Vancouver, B.C., spoke to the students. Her subject was our Literary Society, its organization, its purpose and its functions. She congratulated the pupils for the splendid work the Society was doing and she expressed her desire for even greater success in the future.

ANGELINE BURGESS

On March 15 Miss Angeline Burgess from N.B.C.I. spoke to Gr. XI & Gr. XII students about her trip to the United Nations Building in New York City. Starting from her departure in Saskatoon until she returned, she guided us through Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, New York and back home. Her information on the U.N. and the sightseeing she did was both entertaining and educational.

Bowling

The bowling champions for 1957 were the "Sock Hops" with Marie LaBelle as captain and Susan Pool, Teeny Nimalovitch, Denis Reinbold and Lucille Manègre as players.

The "Pin Toppers" were close behind followed by the "Comets", the "Alley Rats" and the "Flying Saucers".

The high average went to Ernie Sankey who remained high all season.

May 3, 1957 — Piano Recital

Beautiful musical items filled two pleasant hours of the evening of May 3. Sister Julianna's and Sister George's pupils performed in piano solos, duets and quartets. Sister George's choir from the Separate School, also sang two selections, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime" and "Whispering Hope". Two hours can seem long, but these were extremely short. Congratulations to the music teachers and to their pupils!

Saturday, May 11, 1957

Mary's Day; a day of special tribute to our Blessed Mother, observed in Canada and U.S.A. since 1928.

The foundress of Mary's Day, Mrs. Philip Brennan of New York, is a devout convert to Catholicism.

Mrs. Brennan felt that it was right and noble to set aside a special day to honor our earthly mothers, but she regretted the fact that Catholics had not thought of a similar gesture to honor the dearest of all mothers, God's mother and ours.

Inspired by such love and zeal, whole groups have organized to set aside, each year, the Saturday preceding Mothers' Day that they might pay special tribute to our Heavenly Mother.

This year's Mary's Day was observed by the recitation of the Rosary, in the Convent Chapel, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Vigil lights and flowers decorated the altar of Mary.

The Special Mary Day intention was that given by Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal.

"That special prayers be offered for our suffering brethren in Hungary, that they may find courage and keep their faith; that the Silent Church may obtain strength and grace in its steadfastness."

May 22, 1957

On Wednesday, May 22, C.O.C.J.'s All-star Team, made up of Audrey Graff, Florence Bidyk, Teeny Nimalovitch, Irene Sankey, Ernie Sankey, and David Nyholt gathered at the Bowlodrome for a game against N.B.C.I.'s All-star Team. The final outcome of the game was victory for C.O.C.J.

May 17, 1957

Many things happened this day. Mr Tallant, High School Superintendent of Schools visited us. Though we are not so sure that we were at our best, we did enjoy our morning.

The afternoon of this same day, the Marian Press Fathers came over to photograph a group of us working at our Eucharistic Congress projects.

Some people must win popularity by appearing on "cover pages" and so it was with us. "Our Family", June issue, carried accounts of the Congress to be held in July.

The Teachers' Institute, beginning at 2:30, called for the presence of our teachers. This meant early dismissal (at 2:15). We would have had an afternoon off had it not been for practice for graduation.

May 26, 1957

Graduation! Oh, what joy!

May 27, 1957

Reverend Father Finn spoke to us on the University of Saskatchewan . . . courses, classes, scholarships and St. Thomas More. This was an interesting afternoon.

May 29, 1957

Gr. XI party for Gr. XII. The annual farewell party for the graduates was held at Cochin. The highlights of the afternoon were a number of ball games. In the evening a giant weiner and marshmallow roast was enjoyed by all. The Grade Twelves were presented with little trinkets to aid them in their future careers. We closed the party with community singing.

May 31, 1957

Diocesan religion examinations!

June

Work! work! work! review! re-learn! learn! Oh, the nightmare of examinations!

June 27, 1957

Holidays! Hurray! Thanks to our teachers! God speed to the graduates! Happy holidays all! Bye, C.O.C.J. until September '57.

Congratulations to:

Miss Hazel Udchic - 1953 Graduate. R.N. St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, 1957.

Miss Marguerite Nachtegale - 1954 Graduate. R.N. Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary Alta., 1957.

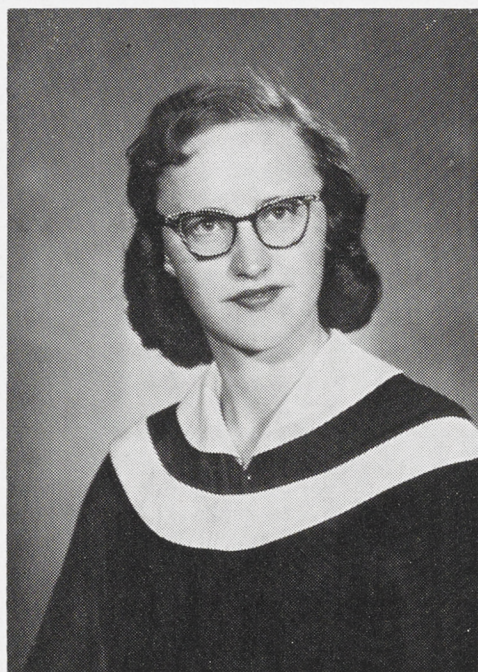
Reverend David Tatchell - 1947 Graduate. B.A. University of Saskatchewan, 1957.

Lloyd King - 1954 Graduate. B.Sc. electrical engineering, University of Saskatchewan, 1957.

Hazel Cubbon - 1953 Graduate. B.Sc. pharmacy, University of Saskatchewan, 1957.

Miss Sheila Kelly - 1953 Graduate. Honors in Psychology, University of Alberta, 1957.

Sheila is also the winner of two scholarships, one to be announced in September; the second, the Henry Marshall Tory Memorial. Sheila will continue her studies and Master in Psychology. A position then awaits her at the University Hospital, Alberta.



Miss Sheila Kelly

To the Graduates

OF THE

CONVENT OF THE CHILD JESUS

North Battleford, Saskatchewan



You will have the honor of graduating during the Eucharistic and Marian Year: I hope that you will make yours the mind of the diocesan Jubilee Year: A Eucharistic life.

My wishes are taken from my Pastoral Letter.

The motto which should contain and summarize your intentions, all your activities and all your life is: "Through Him, with Him, in Him." Our thought is carried towards Him in the Eucharist; towards Him in the hundreds of Tabernacles which contain consecrated Hosts; towards Him living in our midst to reproduce, through the bishop and the priests, the gesture of the Last Supper and to come to us in Holy Communion; towards Him whose Eucharistic Heart beats with an Infinite Love for each of us; for all the souls of the earth.

Oh! if we believed! If we lived our faith, our belief in the Eucharist, how our life would be transformed!"

Asking God to bless you all.

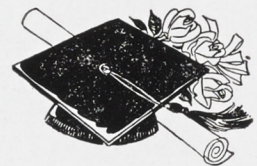
In Christ our Lord,

† Leo Blais,

Bishop of Prince Albert.



Graduates



May 26 — it was here at last! What a busy week preceded it — dresses to try on; tuxedos to fit, flowers to look after and appointments at the photographers to arrange . . . but all the work was transformed into joy and excitement by the thought that a longed-for day had arrived.

Our thanks go to the Sisters of the Separate School and to the members of the choir for the beautiful hymns sung for us at our Mass. More thanks go to the Sisters who served us our first meal on graduation day. The breakfast room was beautifully decorated and our breakfast was delicious.

Like most graduates, we will long remember the ordeal and the fun of having our group picture taken, with the effort to look pretty when we knew we hadn't the slightest chance of success.

Afternoon practice passed quickly and we were getting ready for the evening program. We were to be downstairs, in the theatre, at eight P.M. We

were there all right. Those were tense moments; we wondered how many buttons would be left on the boys' tuxedos and on our dresses by the time eight-thirty and the grand march came to be. Both came; in a hurry, we were in our places in line, slowly moving down the long, long aisles leading to the platform. Our school song, O Canada, and the Welcome song were not too nerve-wracking as several members of the school sang with us. His Worship, Mayor Maher, opened our exercises officially in a beautiful way. The program proceeded with Sheilagh McGrath of Grade XI introducing the graduates. Garry Cooper, President of the Literary Society, gave the combined salutatory and President's address. Ann Shirley Riddell and Leona Bujnowsky sang "Till we Meet Again" after which came the play "Schoolgirls' Visions". This short program was followed by graduation proper — the presentation of diplomas and rings and the conferring of awards.

Those bows and those curtsies! Who would ever guess that an action so simple could be so hard to perform? We relaxed at our places when this was over and we felt we could really enjoy the best part of our program — Father Finn's talk. Enjoy it? We loved it; it was great!

Father Lassonde read us messages of congratulations and of thanks and, then, we found ourselves moving once more — this time to sing our farewell song and bid adieu to our school. Helga Kuchler (in the Valedictory) expressed our sentiments of deep gratitude and of mingled joy and regret.

There remained then only "the Queen" and our school hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" and our program was over. We had no time to allow that sad wistfulness that swept over us to penetrate deep into our hearts. We were due at the Parish Hall where lunch was ready for our guests and ourselves. Our evening, or more exactly, evening and morning ended at 2:30 with the close of our dance. We renew our thanks to Father Lassonde for the use of the hall. This was a beautiful day for the graduates of C.O.C.J. We will long remember it.

A w a r d s

1. Highest Standing in Religious Instruction, awarded to Miss *Doreen Nachtegale*. Donor — Rev. Fathers.
2. Mother Gabriel Memorial for Highest Class Standing, donated by the Convent Alumnae Association, awarded to Miss *Frances Cubbon*.
3. Leadership Medal, donated by the Knights of Columbus, awarded to Miss *Lucille Manègre*.
4. General Proficiency Medal, donated by Mr. W. L. Lidster, awarded to Miss *Darlene Sulatisky*.
5. Award for School Spirit, donated by the Sisters, presented to Miss *Yvonne Baxter*.
6. Medal for Reliability, donated by Asmussen Jewellers, awarded to Miss *Betty Ann Keall*.
7. President's Pin, donated by the Convent Literary Society, awarded to Master *Garry Cooper*.
8. Individual Bowling trophy, donated by Mr. Wm. Belyk, awarded to Master *Ernie Sankey*.
9. Medal for courtesy, donated by the Sisters, awarded to Miss *Bernice Baxter*.
10. Bowling trophy to Captain of the Winning Team, donated by the Convent Literary Society, awarded to Miss *Marie LaBelle*.
11. Shield for Punctuality, donated by Convent Literary Society, won by *Grade X*.
12. Award for twelve years with the Sisters of the Child Jesus, awarded to Miss *Ann Shirley Riddell*; Miss *Marie LaBelle*; Miss *Helen Bazuik*; Master *Garry Cooper*.
13. Distinction en français, donated by the A.C.F.C., awarded to Miss *Edith Dion*.
14. Ping Pong Trophies — singles and doubles, donated by the Convent Literary Society, awarded to:
Girls' singles — Miss *Frances Cubbon*.
Boys' singles — Master *Lloyd Hawtin*.
Girls' doubles — Miss *Doreen Nachtegale*; Miss *Lorraine Grégoire*.
Boys' doubles — Master *Lloyd Hawtin*; Master *Nestor Fransoo*.
15. Curling Awards: Mr. *Lloyd Hawtin*, skip; Miss *Yvonne Baxter*, lead; Mr. *Alan Nachtegale*, second; Miss *Frances Cubbon*, third.

Reverend Father Finn, C.S.B., B.A., M.A., L.M.S., from St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, was this year's guest speaker at our graduation exercises, May 26. In addressing the graduates, Father said, "Graduation Day is by young folk called 'dreamy', but it's not a dream. It's the end of a plan of much work. True plans and hard work bring joy; dreams bring nothing.

The plans have to be true. If they are false, the hard work is heroism in a false cause and is wasted. If the plans are false, the end is not joy but misery.

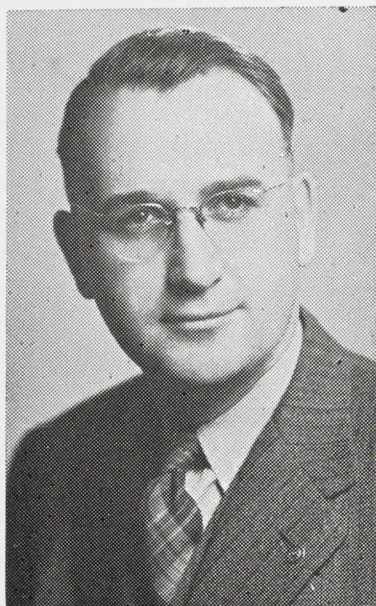
You've been taught a plan of life at C.O.C.J. That plan of life is true. Work at it! Each accomplishment will have its proper delight, of which this Graduation Day is only one. And the end is joy eternal."

W.H. Broley, Local Superintendent of Schools, introduced Father Finn, and Reverend Father Lassonde thanked him.

We, the members of the 1957 graduating class, wish to add our personal word of appreciation. Thank you, Father, for your consideration in honoring us with your presence. We thoroughly enjoyed your talk; we really hope to have you with us again.



Rev. Father Finn, C.S.B., B.A., M.A., L.M.S.



His Worship Mayor H. J. Maher, friend and benefactor, who officially opened our graduation, May 26, 1957

The Newman Club

The Newman Club, at the University of Saskatchewan, is an organization which includes all the Catholics on the campus. This organization gives religious and social benefits to the students. Religion classes, daily Mass, daily Rosary, and the helpful advice of the Basilien Fathers are some of the religious benefits. Many of the students gather in this warm atmosphere for breakfast, noon lunch, and afternoon coffee. Sunday evenings are highlighted by Benediction, followed by a program and dancing. There are numerous other social events throughout the year.

Newman Club awards are given each year for the most helpful person, the best Sunday evening programme, the best actor, the best actress, etc. This year the best actress award was presented to one of our alumni members, Rosemary Steil.

Rosemary is in her first year of Arts at the University. She enjoys university life, especially the friendly atmosphere of the Newman Club.

Salutatory and President's Address

By Garry Cooper

Our moments are as grains of gold . . . which
If sown with careful hand
Will harvests yield of worth untold
That wealth could not command.

Reverend Fathers and Reverend Guest Speaker,
Sisters and Miss Doktor, dear parents, fellow classmates and friends,

These grains of gold have been carefully sown and even more carefully nurtured throughout our twelve years of school life. Tonight, dear friends, I welcome you to bear testimony to the wealth of the harvest yield. In the name of all the members of the 1957 graduating class, I invite you to assist at the crowning act of our school life. It is to this peak that your love, your confidence, and your untiring zeal and sacrifice have brought us. The seed has been sown by your hands; the harvest is to be reaped by our own. If graduation, dear parents and teachers, marks our success, it more than proclaims your victory!

It is an honor for me, to address you on the occasion of my last public appearance as President of the Convent Literary Society. Our four years of high school have offered us many opportunities for growth. We feel that, academically, we have learnt much — though we are fully aware of the fact that there are fields as broad as the prairies whose furrows our minds have left unturned. We have become acquainted with new ideas and we have acquired values regarding the true meaning of life. Ours has been the freedom of expressing our opinions, of discussing our problems, and of modifying our outlook where we found it defective. Tests and examinations have given us a general idea of our worth. They fostered in us a sense of responsibility and have made us stand upon our own merit — and this is exactly what we must do when we step from the shelter of our school days onto the battlefield of life.

"Non Palma Sine Labore" — "no victory without labor" is C.O.C.J.'s motto. It is not surprising then, that work does receive the place of first importance, but "first importance" does not mean "all important". Ours has been a balanced life; we have worked together but we have also played together.

Our extra-curricular activities; our school programs, our yearbook, our school sports, our parties, our public functions as bazaars, bingo, and card parties, along with our numerous friendly gatherings and outings have given us valuable experience and helped us to develop self confidence. Best of all, these many functions have united us, hearts and

minds, giving us that warm family oneness which is so characteristic of the teachers and pupils of C.O.C.J.

You, kind friends, have assisted us in our many endeavours. Your encouragement by your presence at our social functions and your support by offering us all the facilities at your disposal have all been noted and greatly appreciated. What could I say if I were to speak of this single evening — the theatre given so freely, the stage erected just for us, the many awards donated for our encouragement, the time given and the interest shown by those who have come to take part in our graduation ceremonies? I could go on — but may I rather say a simple "Thank you"!

We ask you to continue your interest, and to receive us as "some of your own" when we pass the bend that shuts off the vision of school days and lays open to view the long, steep road of life.

As President of the Literary Society, dear parents, teachers and friends, I thank you all and bid you a warm welcome.

Valedictory

By Helga Kuchler

Reverend Fathers and Reverend Guest Speaker,
dear Sisters, loved parents, classmates and friends.

September '53 — a throng of wide-eyed students edged into the corridors of C.O.C.J. and thus marked the beginning of an entirely new phase of their lives. Four years of formal education awaited them — four years that would leave an imprint never to be erased.

We are left with a treasure chest of memories; our first impression of the teachers who would be our leaders for the next four years; our first Christmas party; the Literary Society meetings with election of officers; the newly started Glee Club; the radio programs; and those inevitable examinations and report cards! But, perhaps we remember most fondly the little things that find their explanation in "boys will be boys" or "girls will be girls."

High school life has been a challenge. Few succumbed and bowed out; the majority met it and forged on. Here, we have learned perseverance and the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship. We could not have done any of these things alone. Working in their own quiet Christ-like manner have been the teachers upon whose shoulders have been heaped the responsibilities of directing our youthful enthusiasm, of understanding each student and his problems, and of casting the mold of future adults — men and women who will put God first in their

daily lives that the rest might follow as the day the night — honest, loyal, intelligent, interested citizens. In today's complex, troubled world, where petty dishonesty lurks on every corner; where purity is an object of ridicule; where homes are neglected and where success is measured by the size and the number of one's worldly possessions and influential friends, the simple, unvarnished principles basic to a successful life, taught here at C.O.C.J. by word and by example, shine forth like a sun-touched diamond in a setting of clay. These principles we hope to use as criteria for judgment in all our future endeavours.

Our success in judging correctly and in living according to our convictions will be our best thanks to our teachers who unselfishly ask for nothing better.

We must not forget our parents for whom a mere expression of gratitude sounds hollow. We can only feel an appreciation that no words can express.

"To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;
And each must make e'er life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

Our parents and teachers have provided the tools;
the edifice is ours to erect.

Undergraduates and fellow students of C.O.C.J.

remember "Non Palma Sine Labore" "no victory without labor. It is a motto embodying the very purpose and meaning of C.O.C.J.. As Robert Service so beautifully expressed it:

"And so in the strife of the battle of life
It's easy to fight when you're winning,
It's easy to slave and strive and be brave,
When the dawn of success is beginning,
But the man who can meet despair and defeat,
With a cheer, there's the man of God's choosing;
The man who can fight to heaven's own height
Is the man who can fight when he's losing."

May the bond which unites Christ and His Mother and Christ and His Church be that which unites us firmly to the Beautiful, the Good, and the True.

Fellow graduates — it is our honor and privilege to graduate during our Eucharistic and Marian Year. Soon we will part; yet whatever our future endeavours may be we are joined by the hands that link all alumni. In stepping forth, we the graduating class of 1957, bid a sad farewell to C.O.C.J.. We will miss you, for, the best years of our lives cannot soon be forgotten.

Dear Alma Mater, dear friends of our youthful years — farewell!

Grade Eleven

(Continued from page 8)

Gloria Jacowishen, so carefree and gay,
Brightens the room throughout the day.

When it comes to debating, **Rose Marie Van Cleemput**
is real strong,

She'll argue against "Elvis" all day long.

Lorraine Gregoire — studious, quiet, and serene,
With a puzzled look is yet to be seen.

Jean Pawlus, our little brunette,
Is sure to pass, you may bet.

Therese Blanchette, our hockey fan,
Goes to every game if she can.

Florence Bidyk from homework will run,
But when it comes to "Glee Club" she really is fun.

Eileen Starycki, a friend who is true,
Ask her a problem and she will help you.

June Mohat quiet and serene,
Is a wizard with a Sewing Machine.

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— Teeny Nimalovitch



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of Grade Twelve Pupils

Professors Betty Ann Keall and Beatrice Johnson were awarded the "Bugs" Trophy for inventing a machine that dissects insects. This machine was donated to C.O.C.J. to encourage more girls in the study of biology.

Recent reports show the cause of the volcano in Guatemala. Two singers from N. Battleford, Darlene Sulatisky and Pauline Sadowsky, had been on a tour and were giving their latest rendition of "Carry me back to old N. Battleford" when the volcano started. This song, being quite appropriate, carried them back to N. Battleford sooner than expected.

Rock n'roll singer Joseph Forest and his pet, Hound Dog, gave a performance at the Blue Noon. Joseph was generously applauded by huge ripe tomatoes and awarded (by Helga Kuchler, wife of P.M. of Ghana) a cup in honor of his ability to raise the dead.

A dashing Knight comes riding . . . on his cool grey donkey through the palms — 'tis our bold Nestor Fransoo. He has joined with McMillan Marauder's unending march for freedom against the invading Metropole Flyers who were led by Raymond Dion. After the smoke of the battle died down the Flying Marauders emerged.

Here is the supersonic rocket mobile. And the driver? Why Marlie Wasson of course! She has just landed her rocket mobile at the parking lot of the College of Planetary Studies. Marlie is to give the students a lecture on the planet life of Venus.

Ann Ingram, Betty Schmidt and Elizabeth Wouters, all members of the Brada Battalion, have been stationed overseas as Red Cross workers. Their duties are to supply "freshie" and bubblegum to the soldiers.

Report from U.N. "Great Commie Leader, Albert Manègre, says that, due to certain circumstances beyond their control, he and his men, plan to over-power Hollywood Boulevard and retire, just watching all the tanks go by."

Flash from the South Pole! "Miss Marie LaBelle is reported to be suffering from a rash cold which she received from a midnight dip in the Antarctic along with her ninety-two pet penguins. However, her doctor, Iglee Moo, says her penguins will possibly recover but her case is beyond help." Apparently poor Marie is "All Shook Up."

Snap! Crackle! Pop! A crash comes from the Metropolitan Opera Room, as Shirley Ann Riddell trips over the piano while gracefully leaping through the air. She slipped a few discs and cracked a few bones, but worst of all, smashed the piano all to smithereines!

Yvonne and Beatrice Baxter, the "Do-it-Yourself Sisters", have really done it themselves this time! They rocked the nation with their rendition of "Booboo Day". They displayed southern drawl justly and ended up North.

Hong Kong: "Singapore Sally" and "Rick-O-Shay-Rita", notorious gangleaders, better known as Ann Ingram and Rita Burgmaier have moved their opium operations to Hong Kong. They had been accused of peddling tender dandelion roots to the natives of Singapore and when the police raided their hide-out they "flew the coop."

Great Comedians? Garry Cooper and Philip (alias "Teddy") Day, were just laughed out of comedy last week. Garry caught Teddy right handed in a left handed swimming pool. Garry thought "Teddy" was drowning, and put his left foot in "Teddy's" right hand. And they went under left-handed.

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Lucille Manègre was recently awarded a medal for her efforts in professional roller skating. The judges, who are well known professional ice skaters, Miss Beverly Hood and Miss Agnes Gnitecki: simply said, "Miss Manègre is the most efficient cement duster we have ever seen at work."

Helen Bazuik has been giving dancing instructions at St. Thomas College and finds it very amusing. Right now it's the "Cha Cha" they're learning. Recently Molotov gave a ball for her and together they rocked to "Siberian Sunset."

Santa Claus Land: Word has just been received that well known curler, Lloyd Hawtin, and his understudy, Frances Cubbon, have gone to see Santa so they can challenge him to a curling game in his spare time.

Last Will and Testament

We, the grade XII's, being of sound mind have spent our worldly possessions, but being of disposing memory and of kindest disposition, do hereby make and publish this, our last will and testament in order, as justly may be, to distribute our worthless possessions to grade XI this 30th day of June, 1957.

Darlene Sulatisky wills to Victoria Znack her long eyelashes so that she may have a better outlook on life.

Doreen Nachtegaele wills to Jean Pawlus her leaking pen and her much-enjoyed seat at the back of the room.

Albert Manègre wills all the flat tires he got from the street in front of the convent to Raymond Shaw.

Pauline Sadowsky wills her beautifully cultivated, henna-rinsed, thick skull to Gloria Jackowishen, the best sculptress in the west.

Raymonde Dion wills to Irene Sankey her pony tail with the missing elastic, her ability to write ten pages of nothing and her ability to scribble on books.

Marlie Wasson wills to Mary Veit her "Plymouth with Power" to follow Lloyd Hawtin up to the "Ball Park".

Helga Kuchler wills to Lorraine Grégoire her ability to sweep (the ice not the floor); to Theresa Frey she leaves her belief in Santa Claus.

Nestor Fransoo wills to Florence Bidyk his love for ping pong and his dislike for French.

Joseph Forest wills his very front desk to Thérèse Blanchette. May she tremble too!

Beatrice Johnson wills to John Omilon her ability to bird watch and the worn-out keys of her future accordian.

Philip Day wills to Rose Marie Van Cleemput his "party doll".

Ann Ingram wills her inability to write a French exam as well as eight other subjects to June Kokesch.

Frances Cubbon wills to Eileen Starycki her early morning "gab-fests" with Marlie and any other condescending ears.

Lloyd Hawtin wills to Myron Demyon his daily walk to and from the windows to the pencil sharpener. To Raymond Billar he leaves his desk by the window. May he pass many stolen seconds hanging out the window watching all the girls go by.

Lucille Menègre wills her long "three-house" walk to school to Leo Brunett.

Bernice Baxter wills to Sheilagh McGrath her desk across from a character like Philip Day.

Helen Bazuik wills her ability to daydream or to doze off during a history lesson to Eileen Starycki. To Sylvia Surmach she bequeaths her yet undiscovered secret of chewing gum without getting caught.

Marie LaBelle wills to Teeny Nimalovitch her crepe soled shoes so she won't be able to slip around so much.

Ann Shirley Riddell wills to June Mohat the Irish temper she hasn't got.

Garry Cooper wills to Therese Nolin his heavy shoes which always prevent him from sneaking in five minutes late.

Rita Burgmaier wills to Glenda Binsky her gleeful expression when school gets out.

Agnes Gnitecki wills to Doril Nolin her ability to keep a straight face and laugh at the same time.

Betty Schmidt wills to Marguerite Boutin her innocent expression when she is caught talking.

Beverly Hood wills to Juliette Stroo her black leather jacket with no inkstains on it.

Elizabeth Wouters wills to Marilyn Perkins her ability to maintain a detached air when school gets too much for the grade XII class.

Betty Ann Keall wills to Carmelle Gagne her liking for "that certain guitar man" and to Denis Reinbold her unhappy struggles with Social Studies.

Yvonne Baxter wills to Leo Lauzon her double position as student and light housekeeper.

Made and signed on this 30th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven — while still in the bloom of youth.



Visit to the University, 1956.



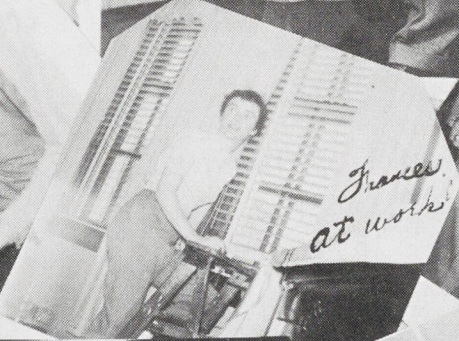
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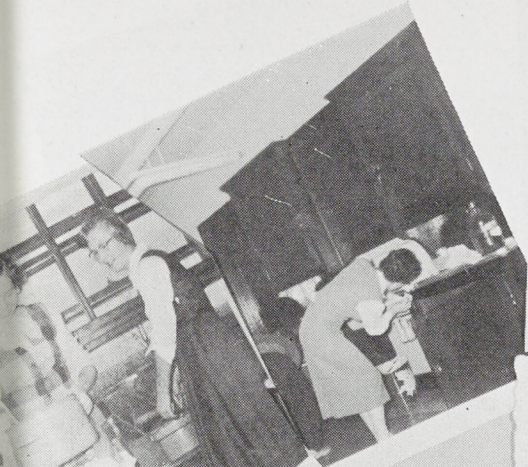
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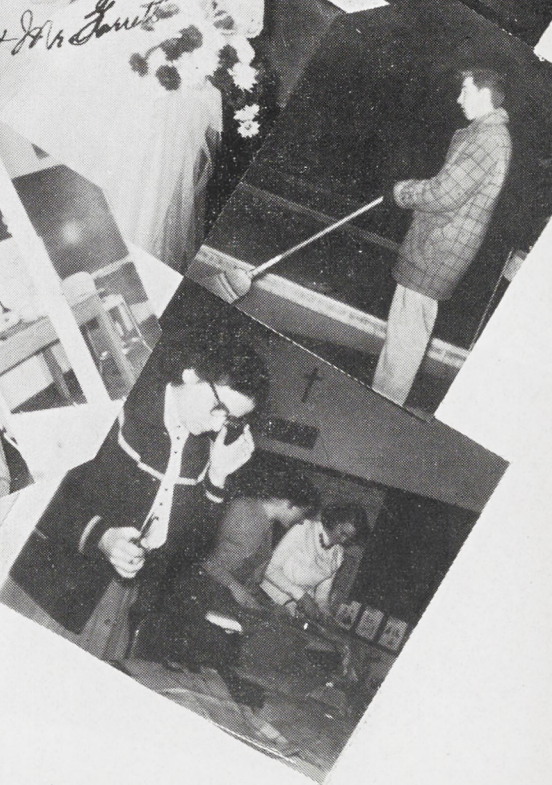
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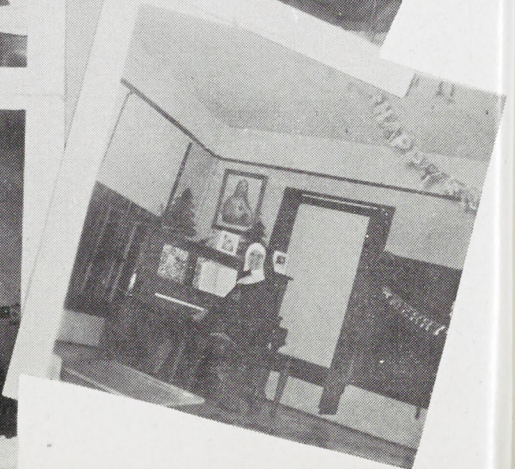
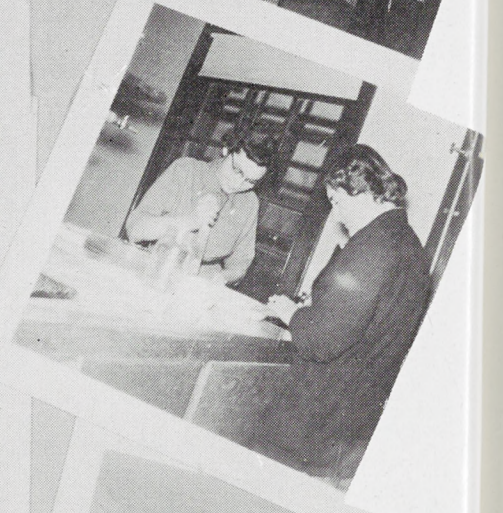
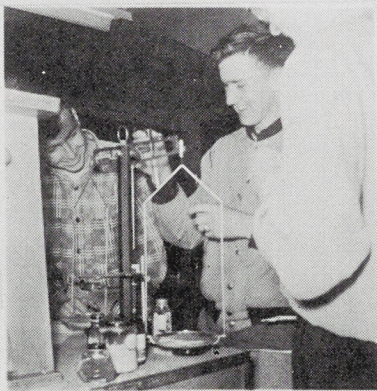
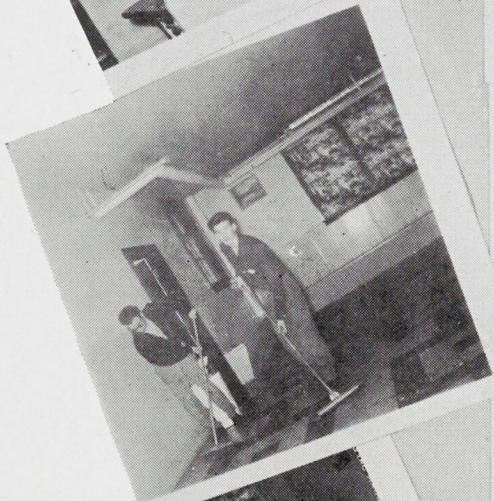
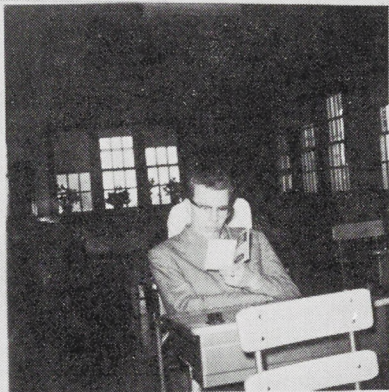


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With love, our fates they seal.*

*The hearty smiles, the hails, the cheers
That greet us with each day,
As joyously we spend the years
At dear C.O.C.J.*

*For strong the call of youth, I fear,
That strings a carefree line,
My falt'ring step toward good they steer,
Tho' oft I fret and pine.*

*And many times we all have said
This life's too hard, too cruel;
Each moaned his lot, each scratched his head,
They proved the golden rule.*

*And we of such rebellious soul
Seethed, and boiled, and fussed,
Because they told us rock'n' roll
Our moral code would bust.*

*In later years, we'll see they're right,
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They're here to show us how.*

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London, Ontario, was the birthplace of Father Joseph L. O'Donnell, fifth principal of St. Thomas More College, seen here in his office in the central wing of the new building. A professor of English, he came to the University of Saskatchewan in 1945 and was named principal of St. Thomas More in 1955.

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